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| For: IMAGE PROCESSING |) | |
| SYSTEM, IMAGE DATA | : | |
| PROCESSING METHOD, |) | |
| AND STORAGE MEDIUM | : | June 28, 2005 |

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed.

- Japan 11-321028
- Japan 07-234833
- Japan 06-309265
- Japan 11-320977
- Japan 11-075000
- Japan 11-195038
- Japan 2001-325079
- Japan 2001-322335
- Japan 2001-322336
- Japan 2001-326766
- Japan 2001-325114

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese application corresponding to the above-identified application. A copy of a Japanese Office Action dated March 14, 2005 is enclosed.

English language abstracts for each of the foregoing Japanese documents have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of these documents is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

It is noted that the Japanese Office Action also cites Japan 09-046470 and Japan 08-305654. However, those references were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement dated August 16, 2004 and therefore, they are not being cited again herein.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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Respectfully submitted,

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